(c) whether the space craft would be produced indigenously or with foreign collaboration;

(d) the details in the case of foreign collaboration; and

(e) the total cost involved and the yearly allocation of fund provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) ISRO has carried out detailed study on the feasibility of undertaking indigenous manned space mission to low earth orbit, in about 8 to 10 years time frame. Towards this, studies covering various aspects of design and development of manned capsule, man rating of launch vehicle, safety and reliability, crew training, critical long term facilities etc., were presented to a gathering of prominent Scientists and Technologists, The Scientists have recommended the Indian manned mission initiative. No detailed study has been carried out on manned mission to moon.

(c) and (d) Feasibility exists to realize the manned capsule indigenously with involvement and participation from various national agencies, R&D laboratories, academic institutions and industry.

(e) The detailed cost estimate for the manned space mission is not made, however, the preliminary assessment is that the programme for the manned space mission to low earth orbit may need about Rs. 10,000 crores spread over a period of nearly 8 to 10 years.

Expenditure due to delayed completion

†2545. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have to incur additional expenditure than that fixed due to delayed completion of under construction projects in the country;

(b) if so, the additional amount than that of fix one spent against construction of project till 31th March, 2006 by Government;

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(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for this financial loss to Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As on 31.03.2006, 742 ongoing projects costing more than Rs. 20 crore each were under implementation. The original cost of these projects was Rs. 2,79,081 crore and the anticipated cost was Rs. 3,27,564 crore implying a cost overrun of Rs. 48,483 crore

(c) and (d) The Standing Committees set-up in different ministries review the implementation status of the delayed projects and fixes responsibility. By 31.03.2006, 35 delayed projects in various sectors were referred to Standing Committees. Responsibility for cost and time overruns have been indicated in the case of 8 projects, *viz.* Civil Aviation (2), Coal(1), Health and Family Welfare(1), Fertilizer(1), Home Affairs(1), Road Transport and Highways (1) and Urban Development (1).

Time and cost overrun

†2546. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 742 projects were underway as on 31st March, 2006 in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the Ministries to which said projects are related alongwith numbers thereof;

(d) the number of projects which are facing time overrun; and

(e) the escalation in the cost of each project due to time overrun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

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